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FM AMCONSUL DURBAN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1970

INFO AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

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SUBJ: WHITE POLICE TO LEAVE TRANSKEI SOON

REF: DURBAN 143 APRIL 18, 1974;

DURBAN 164 APRIL 29, 1974 (NOTAL)

1. IN SURPRISE MOVE, SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE OFFICIALS CONFIRMED TO REPORTER FOR NATAL MERCURY MAY 21 THAT, WITH EXCEPTION OF SECURITY BRANCH AND BUREAU FOR STATE SECURITY OFFICERS, ALL SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE WOULD BE WITHDRAWN FROM TRANSKEI BY OCTOBER 1, 1975, TEN MONTHS EARLIER THAN SCHEDULED. THIS MEANS THAT POLICE STATIONS IN FIVE LEADING TRANSKEI TOWNS (UMTATA, BUTTERWORTH, IDUTYWA, UMZIMKULU AND ENGCOCO) WILL BE TURNED OVER TO TRANSKEI CONTROL BY THAT DATE, A PROCESS ALREADY UNDERWAY OR COMPLETED IN SMALLER TOWNS, ALTHOUGH SOME WHITE POLICE MAY REMAIN ON LOAN TO TRANSKEI GOVERNMENT.

2. NEWS FOLLOWS ANNOUNCEMENT BY CHIEF MINISTER MATANZIMA EARLIER IN WEEK THAT THOSE FIVE TOWNS, IN WHICH VIRTUALLY ALL TRANSKEI WHITES RESIDE AND WHICH ARE STILL STRICTLY UNCLASSIFIED

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SEGREGATED, WILL BE DECLARED "OPEN", THAT IS UNRESTRICTED

TO BLACK AND WHITE OCCUPATION.

3. COMMENT: REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHAT EFFECT REMOVAL OF WHITE
POLICE AND TREASURED SEGREGATION MEASURES WHICH ARE STILL
STRICTLY ENFORCED WILL HAVE ON MORALE OF WHITE RESIDENTS, SOME
OF WHOM ARE ALREADY REPORTED AS BEING CONCERNED BY
TRANSKEI'S RAPID MARCH TOWARD INDEPENDENCE.
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